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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: IS YOUR FAMILY READY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?

Disasters can strike at any moment, with little OR no notice.



In order to protect your home and family, preparedness is paramount. Your family preparedness plan must outline the essential actions that can be readily employed should there be a disaster or emergency in your area.

"NEARLY 71% OF AMERICANS DO NOT HAVE A DISASTER PLAN."

— WELLS FARGO NEWSROOM

A few tips for a successful preparedness plan:

- Identify what types of disasters are most likely to happen in your area, and learn about how to best prepare for each.
- Learn about the various warnings, signals, and alerts conducive to your area.
- Tune in to emergency radio alerts for constant updates during an incident in your county.
- Identify local organizations that perform emergency management (Red Cross, nonprofits, etc.) and know how to get in contact with them.
- Educate yourself on any disaster plans in place at your place of work, your child's school or any place that you and your family may spend a considerable amount of time.

Your family should understand the importance of maintaining an emergency preparedness plan. Should a situation arise, each member of the family has a specific function, a particular set of responsibilities that as a whole results in a desired outcome. **WORK TOGETHER!** Your family will also want to determine an appropriate location to reconvene. This can be a neighbor's home or even a location outside of your immediate area should you be unable to immediately return.

The more you know...

The County of San Diego, in partnership with Blackboard Connect Inc., has established a regional notification system that enables telephonic notifications to be sent to residents and businesses within San Diego County in the event of an emergency.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & COMMUNICATION.
<https://buff.ly/3wrf3J4>



Being well into the new school year, did you know that, the State of California incorporated legislation for the establishment of the Universal Meals Program?

Right now, under Assembly Bill 130, all school aged children, kindergarten through 12th grade enrolled in public schools will be provided two free meals per day for the entirety of the school year. During each school day breakfast and lunch will be served to all students regardless of income or other factors that affected eligibility for reduced meals in the past.

Additionally, under the same law \$150 million in funding has been provided to support upgrades to kitchen infrastructure and training specifically designed to address the inclusion of nutrition-based food preparation for school staff.

We count this as an enormous win especially in a climate where approximately 1 in 5 residents currently struggle with food insecurity.

No child left behind. No child left hungry.



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Met Takuma Easland, one of Lemon Grove's two Assistant Planners. Takuma started with the City last December as a Planning Intern and has been an Assistant Planner since February.

He received his Bachelor's degree in International Business from San Diego State University and had a previous career working in law firms before becoming a Planner.

Concerned with environmental and housing issues, Takuma took inspiration from his wife's work as a Planner and pursued a Master's in City Planning which opened the door for him to start working for the City of Lemon Grove.

In his day-to-day work efforts, Takuma enjoys problem solving and helping Lemon Grove residents with their residential and commercial projects. He relates, "No two projects are the same and they always present their own quirks and issues to be resolved. As a member of a small team, we work on a wide range of projects that requires us to be adaptable and quick-thinking on our feet."

Having lived in Mexico and Brazil, Takuma speaks Spanish and Portuguese and has had the opportunity to help customers in both languages.

In his free time, Takuma enjoys playing sports and working on cars.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

\$20 BULK DROP-OFF

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AND FREE

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TREGANZA HERITAGE PARK



On August 10, 2022, the Honorable Mayor Racquel Vasquez delivered the State of the City address.

Check out the press release and transcript via the link below.

<https://www.lemongrove.ca.gov/city-services/document-center/>

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